

Waggin' Tales



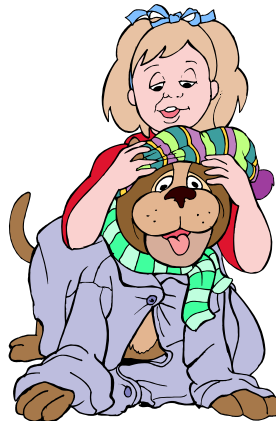
Responsible Dog Ownership Week

We've got a lot of activities planned this year, and along with that comes your chance to represent the club, have some fun, and earn work credits!

Sunday, September 12th at 2:00PM, we'll be making an appearance at the Batavia Public Library. We'll be giving a dog safety presentation to kids, and obedience and first aid demos for the whole family.

Thursday, September 16th we're offering the Canine Good Citizen Test...sign up today! And, if you're not taking the test, I could really use someone to help me in assisting the evaluators that evening.

Thursday, September 23rd we'll be hosting an Open House. We're inviting members of the community to come in and check us out. I could use a few people to help me setup, greet visitors, answer questions, and tidy up at the end of the evening. If you can help with these events, call me at 630-761-0823 or email education@fvdtc.org.



Barb Misch



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Special Points of Interest

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Obedience Trial Help Needed!



Fox Valley Dog Training Club--- Our-November Obedience Trial: WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!!!

I am still in need of stewards for OUR November Obedience Trial. I need someone to Table Steward for Utility B , one more steward for Open B and I need Floaters. This is our Trial and we have more then 25 club members.????? Please sign up on the board at training to help or contact me at goldenret11@worldnet.att.net

Your Help is greatly appreciated.
Jan Schomer

Club Notices

Kitchen Help Needed



Help is needed regarding kitchen sign-up for the trials. Nadine states that she will need help Saturday evening 6:30ish to 7:30 and all

day Sunday starting at 6:30am with 3 hour shifts. If anyone can help out Nadine, please contact her at 630-772-1396 or email her at nadine5544@aol.com.

Workers Needed For Agility Trial Sept. 11-12

No experience is required. If you can help set up on Friday evening, please contact Will Short. If you can help us with the show, please contact Cathy Fleury or Jacquie Kramer. Our volunteers make this show run smoothly. Thank you,

Helen Castellano
Agility Trial Chairperson

Responsible Dog Ownership Week & You...

I'm still looking for a couple of volunteers to play "Welcome Waggin'" with me during our Open House on Thursday, September 23rd. I'd be really happy if I could find one or two more people to be available between 8 and 9 to greet any visitors we have and discuss with them what they'd like to do with their dog and how we can help them. Please call or email if you're interested!

Barb Misch-PEC
Education@fvdtc.org or 630-761-0823

September Correction Clinic

The next Fox Valley Dog Training Club Correction Clinic will be held on Thursday, September 16. Utility is full with about 6 people on the waiting list. There are still about 6 spots left in open and 12 in novice.

Suzan

Car-Dun-Al Correction Clinic

Car-Dun-Al's next correction clinic is on Tuesday, September 21st at the Simpson Electric Building in Elgin. Any questions, call Barb at 630-497-0185 or e-mail her at dale@dblassociates.com or check Car-Dun-Al's web site, www.cardunaldogtraining.com, for up to date info.

Raffle Items Needed

Do you have something that could be used for a raffle prize? Raffle prizes are still in need for November. If you have a donation, please contact me so that I can add this to our list of raffle prizes. I can be found during the 7pm classes or contact me at home.

Priscilla Pisarski

Don't Forget About Boner Awards!!

With so many trials coming up, and the preparations for them, we're sure that one or two of our members will pull a real boner...your job is to make sure it gets noticed!! Keep a sharp eye and share the laughs!! We've got nomination forms in the gray box, or you can always email your nominee and details about the blunder to dinner@fvdtc.org!



Membership Meeting Highlights

September 1, 2004

Meeting brought to order at 7:33 p.m. by Cheryl Hettinger. Dave Lewis was unable to attend due to a new teaching assignment. Vera Nyberg introduced the Midwest K-9 Emergency Response Team program. The three Midwest members, Ellen, Mary and Dave presented a wonderful program outside with dogs demonstrating how the dogs work for different types of tracks, such as tracking a missing person or searching for a cadaver. NO we did not have a cadaver, but we did have an item that is used to train the cadaver search dogs.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The May Meeting minutes were approved as published. Several items of correspondence were read.

Cheryl Hettinger (First Vice-President) extended a big thank you to the thirteen people who helped clean the mats on August 28th. Because of the amount of people we were done in two hours. Carolyn said that a huge thanks should also go to Cheryl for providing everyone with great food and great fun. Cheryl reported that there are four mats (33' x 3' green) for sale at \$5.00 each. Two new rolls were brought in from the shed and cut for use.

Vera Nyberg (Second Vice-President) reported that Carolyn asked Ronnie Bizer to present a program on the updates on AKC rules. Ronnie accepted the invitation and will present the information at the October 6th Membership Meeting.

Cindy Pakenas (Director of Training) reported that classes are going well. Cindy stated that we still need front door help from 6:45 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. on regular training nights. Cindy also stated that anyone who is interested in becoming an instructor could help as an apprentice instructor. The apprentice instructor will help with classes in addition to the primary and assistant instructors.

Will Short (Obedience Trial Chairperson) reported that he had the first meeting of trial committee chairs at 7:00 p.m. tonight. Jan Schomer, the Chief Ring Steward, still needs floaters and a table steward for a Utility class. Anyone who can help in either of those places should contact Jan Schomer at 630-896-9885 or Will Short at 630-377-0810. Will also asked all instructors to PLEASE ask their students to steward. Will also reported that Priscilla Pisarski is coordinating the raffle

again this year and she needs items. Anyone who wishes to donate items, can contact Priscilla at training

Taffy Wille (Obedience Trial Secretary) reported that she has received the following entries.

Class	Entries	Limits
Novice A	3	72
Novice B	11	
Open A	12	64
Open B	64	64
Utility A	25	56
Utility B	56	56

Taffy stated that this rate is slower than last year.

Sandy Davis (Waggin' Tales Editor) was not in attendance due to a job-required class. However she sent her report, that the next Waggin' Tales deadline is Sunday, September 5th.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) read a list of nine applicants as published in recent Waggin' Tales newsletters. Taffy Wille made a motion to accept the list as published and read. Francene seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all without any discussion. Three new members were present at the meeting. WELCOME to all new members! ☺

Barb Misch (Public Education Coordinator) thanked Rick Cox, Trudi Kimm and Carolyn Pearson who helped out at Critters Pet Store on Saturday, August 28th for an obedience demonstration. Barb believes that we generated some interest and will see some of the folks we met at training. The obedience demonstration followed a drug searching demonstration by the St. Charles and South Elgin Police Departments K-9 dogs.

Barb stated that the WOOF line is updated and included information about the Responsible Dog Ownership (RDO) activities. Barb thanked Dave who put the Responsible Dog Ownership activities information on our web site. Barb reported that the publicity for our events is going well. Anne Stuessy, who was not officially a member until tonight, sent out the first press release earlier this week, so watch for us in your local papers. Event information was also sent the vet's offices with some tweaking of the list that usually receive our club information. Barb also reported that her friend at the 95.9 the River radio station said that he will attempt to

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get some radio station items for us to give away, in addition to promoting our events on the radio station.

The preparations for the RDO appearance at the Batavia Public Library on Sunday, September 12th are going well. The following programs will be presented.

* At 2:00 p.m., the Dog Safety program with Priscilla Pisarski with Abby.

* At 2:30 p.m., an obedience demonstration with Cindee and (hopefully) Edward Ehrhart with Payton and Millie. Barb is hoping that other children see Edward, so they will be encouraged to start training a dog.

* At 3:00 p.m., a presentation by Sue MacPherson on items to have in a canine first aid kit. Barb asked Sue to provide a list of the first aid kit items so she can make copies of the list.

Barb also reported that there are still a LOT of openings for the CGC test. The 8:00 p.m. test will be canceled if more entries are not received. If the 8:00 p.m. test is cancelled for the September test, we will consider hosting just one test per testing night, with a 7:00 p.m. start.

Barb stated that she is in need of volunteers to be part of the "Welcome Waggin'" at our Open House on September 23rd between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. She said that one-hour time commitments would be wonderful. The volunteers would probably be asked about general club information and probably asked about classes. She is planning on having balloons, cookies and other items to make the event festive. Cheryl Hettinger stated that she has the FVDTC nametags. Cheryl also volunteered to be a Welcome Waggin' representative between 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Priscilla Pisarski also volunteered to be a Welcome Waggin' representative between 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Helen Castellano suggested that the nametags include the club members' job title, to help direct the person looking for more information to the correct person.

Francene Andresen (Tracking Test Secretary) Francene reported that plans for the September 19th Tracking Test are going well. The judges are Ted Hoesel and Orrin Eldred. Francene stated that she needs volunteers to be a cross tracklayer on Saturday, the 18th and Sunday, the 19th. Cheryl Hettinger stated that she would help, following confirmation of her schedule. Francene stated that cross-trackers would need to be at Burnidge Forest

Preserve at approximately 9 am on Saturday and very early on Sunday. Priscilla also volunteered to help. Francene reported that the tests usually conclude around 1:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Francene also stated that she needs help on Sunday to driving trackers and dogs to the tracks, etc. As of today, there are six entries for the four TD tracks, and thirteen entries for the four TDX tracks. Francene reported that next year she would investigate the possibility of adding more tracks. She will seek the opinions of current and past judges. Francene stated that there is a definite need for more tracking tests in this area, particularly the TDX tests.

Francene extended a huge thank you to Ingrid and Hermann Hamburger who made 110 new much lighter tracking flags. We will start using the new flags immediately, but keep the old ones in case we need them. Ingrid stated that the new flags would be stored at her house.

Helen Castellano (Agility Trial Chairperson) reported that the entries were closed. This year we received 773 total entries, which is 59 less than last year. Will Short stated that he needs help with set-up, which starts at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, September 10th and continues until the set-up is done or until it is dark. This year the rings will be fully gated without any open areas to distract the dogs. Anyone else who can help at any time during the weekend should contact Cathy Fleury at 847-464-5909 or Jacquie Kramer at 630-365-1802. Experience is not required; on the job training is provided!

Helen reported on the electronic timers topic. Helen is recommending that we do not rent the electronic timers this year for several reasons, including the following:

- * Agility Ability's contract is non-negotiable and included a "free entry" clause which we feel violates AKC regulations.
- * We would be responsible for replacing the equipment if it is damaged or the cost of the repairs, even though we are not setting up or operating the equipment. We just provide the readers.
- * The entries were down from last year.

Helen reported that she would investigate more options for next year's trial. When asked about the reasons why the electronic timers are important, Helen stated that high-level competitors need the

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New Members

Sheila Gut
 P.O. Box 33
 LaFox, IL 60147
 (630)208-0315
 Bichon Frise
 Completed
 Beginners Class



A **HUGE** thank you to those club members who recently pitched in to complete the set-up of the training building on August 12th. Due to the fairground's schedule, we were not allowed to set-up prior to 1:00 p.m. on Thursday. Unfortunately, Ed could not set-up during that timeframe. With Jerry D'Aprile's help, the mats were unrolled, the ring gates were carried to the rings and the jumps were put out the floor. However, other commitments prevented us from completing the set-up. **THANK YOU** to the club members who finished the set-up - your help was **TRULY** appreciated!



Cheryl Hettinger



Again Caroline and I really appreciate that you and some of the other folks from Fox Valley Dog Training were able to make it. Please extend our thanks to the others that came and volunteered their time. We always recommend your club to our customers that are buying a puppy, especially if they've never had a dog before. Caroline took our dog, Kaiser, through three courses and it was the best thing we ever could have done. We definitely needed to be in charge of our 100 pound German shepherd, and he turned out to be the sweetest dog we could want. Thank you again,

Mark & Caroline
 Janczak

***Obedient Critters** — Thanks Trudi Kimm, Rick Cox and Carolyn Pearson for coming to Critters Pet Shop on Saturday to give an obedience demo for those willing to stand outside on a cool, windy day. We may not have had a big crowd, but I'm pretty sure that we'll see at least a few of these people at training in the near future. Thanks for representing the club so well!*

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exact numbers provided by the electronic timers to obtain the fastest times that they need to get. The timer functions when the dog trips the timer at the beginning and end of the run.

Peggy Sue Seehafer (Director at Large) was not in attendance, but sent the following report about the various places we have looked at to train.

Schweitzer Property is out of the picture due to all the restrictions in the will.

Peck and Keslinger - the shelter will be constructed. Now would be the time to talk to them if we wanted to have a classroom for some classes. A foot in the door could be a good thing. Having a classroom available would be a great inroad to showing them we can help teach dogs better than any other group around!

Will Short stated that we have a hard time getting instructors for our own classes, how can we expect to get enough instructors for another facility, what benefits would we receive? Helen stated that this is an opportunity for great community service and we should still explore the options. Bill Clarke stated that we could possibly get more members from teaching classes at the shelter.

Cheryl Hettinger/Barb Misch (Annual Dinner Chairpeople). Cheryl Hettinger reported that first meeting of the committee was held. The dinner is tentatively scheduled for March 19, 2005. Cheryl explained that the March 19th date was just about the only date in March that would work, when Will Short asked whether the date was set. Cheryl stated that Easter is early next year, so March 25th was out of the running. The other consideration was whether the vendors will have enough time to provide the awards.

Cheryl asked club members to submit boner nominations, either using the forms in the gray box, or by sending an e-mail message to Cheryl at vp1@fvdtc.org. Cheryl also announced that the event will be revamped for next year.

Ingrid Hamburger (Correction Clinic Steward Chairperson) reported that she needs volunteers, as usual. Volunteers can sign up on the yellow poster board. Ingrid asked that all instructors "beg" students in their classes for help.

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$6.00 is new club member, Margi

Stuessy, as drawn by another new club member, Vicky Wilder.

Old Business

Francene reported that, following our recent resubmission of the real estate contract, the sellers have declined our offer of full asking price and a series of workable dates to meet our needs for zoning, financing, etc. for the property in Elburn. They countered with a closing date of October 2004, without any willingness to discuss the dates. It is the recommendation of the Land Purchase Committee and the Board to end the negotiations for this property but continue searching for another location, either to buy or lease.

Francene also reported that she is talking to another realtor - about other pieces of property. The realtor is currently investigating the possibility of dividing some recently purchased property on Route 47, close to Lily Lake. Barb provided some additional places with which to check.

New Business

Cheryl Hettinger reported that we have a supply of club business cards to which we added contact information on the back. Anyone who would like to have some to hand out to people should contact Carolyn Pearson.

New club member, Vicky Wilder asked several questions, such as "What was expected of her as a member?", "What is a work credit?" and "How much time is she expected to help at club events?" She explained that she is committed to a Collie rescue group, that takes a lot of her time on the weekends. Several club members briefly explained what a club member must do to earn a work credit. The awards program and the annual dinner was also described. Other club members stated that the dinner is just a fun event that we use to celebrate our commitments to our dogs and to honor those volunteers that keep the club functioning.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.



Board Meeting Highlights August 4, 2004

Meeting brought to order at 7:42 p.m.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). June Meeting minutes were approved as published without change. A request for a donation from the AKC Health Foundation was read. Peggy Sue Seehafer made a motion to send a \$50.00 to the AKC Health Foundation. Barb Misch seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members present.

Cheryl Hettinger (First Vice-President) reported that the mat-cleaning event is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 28th. In addition to needed volunteers, she also needs power washers and dryers. We discussed the types of dryers that will work. Cheryl reported that in the past, we have unsuccessfully used leaf-blowers. Peggy Sue volunteered to bring her horse drier. Cheryl stated that we would need at least two more driers. Carolyn will check with some other club members who might have a similar type of drier. Cheryl also stated that if we have enough volunteers, it should take approximately four to five hours. All volunteers are welcome - even if all you can help for an hour, please come to help.

Vera Nyberg (Second Vice-President) stated that she had compiled a list of ideas of possible membership meeting programs that were discussed at the last instructors meeting. Those ideas included discussing AKC regulations, a panel discussion, a discussion with Dr. P. Meiser about vaccination protocols or perhaps about latest canine research. Barb Misch asked whether we could get a canine CPR demonstration. After a brief discussion about the ideas, it was decided that Helen will contact Dr. Meiser about doing a vaccination protocol discussion at the March 2005 Membership Meeting and a CPR demonstration at an unspecified 2005 membership meeting. Carolyn will contact Ronnie Bizer about discussing the information she learned at a recent AKC Judges seminar at the October or November Membership Meeting.

Carolyn will also check with Trudi Kimm about hosting a CERF clinic in March 2005. After a brief discussion, it was decided that the club would once again host two Health Clinics, although we will try to get them both scheduled for March 2005. Sue MacPherson will check the Amber Leaf's doctor's preference for a date and Helen will discuss a date with Dr. Meiser.

Cindy Pakenas (Director of Training) stated that she asked all instructors to anonymously provide a list of Instructor Guidelines to her. At the instructors meeting, Vera read all of the submissions and then took the notes from the discussions. Cindy Pakenas presented a condensed list for

the Board to review and asked that the list not be distributed outside of the meeting at this time. Once that list has been finalized with the board member's comments, Cindy will ask the instructors for a final review and approval. Cindy stated that the goal of the Instructors Guidelines was to provide the instructors a list of guidelines that could be used now and in the future.

Cindy Pakenas asked for advice about a bite situation that recently occurred. Cindy reported that a two-year intact male Rottweiler, bit a Great Dane, leaving four punctures wounds. Cindy received several suggestions for resolving this situation.

Will Short (Obedience Trial Chairperson) reported that the Trial committee will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 1st at the Extension Center. Tentative meetings are also scheduled for October 6th and November 3rd. The October and November meetings will only be held if the Trial Committee deems them necessary. Will Short stated that these meetings are a new directive by AKC.

Taffy Wille (Obedience Trial Secretary) was not in attendance, but sent the following report.

Limits for the classes were successfully increased to 72 for Novice, 64 for Open A, 64 for Open B, 56 for Utility A, and 56 for Utility B.

This year the premium will be available online or by request. This will substantially cut the mailing list down. This should save on postage, however the copy cost was about the same for 550 as for 800, because we did not receive a price break for quantity.

Contract for the fairgrounds has been received. The check must be signed prior to Taffy submitting it. Thanks to Jean Munger for advising that the fair had not sent out the contracts yet.

Sandy Davis (Waggin' Tales Editor) was not in attendance but sent her report that the next Waggin' Tales deadline is Sunday, August 8th.

Amy Ford (Treasurer) was not in attendance but provided cash balance. Amy asked for guidance regarding she should look into getting more CDs for the extra interest earned or not, depending on the status of the land purchase process. It was decided to keep the cash on hand while searching for land.

Amy also reported that she received the Kane County Fair

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***Rub-a-Dub-Dub**—A huge thank you to the folks who helped us drag, spray and squeegee our way to clean mats on Saturday, August 28. We had such an awesome bunch that we finished in record time! As you notice the bright glow coming off them be sure to thank Priscilla Pisarski, Barb Barwig, Elizabeth May, Carolyn Pearson, Barb Misch, Rick Cox, Will Short, Bill Clark, Cheryl Hettinger, Steve Kleinheskel, Ed Herdes, Kent Hildebrand and Laura Lagger.*

Non-Renewals List for 2004-2005

The following is a current list of non-renewals for 2004—2005. Please contact Membership Chairperson Sue MacPherson (membership@fvdtc.org) if this is in error or to renew your membership. **PLEASE NOTE:** For *Lifetime Membership*, a renewal form must be received to continue your status.

Jean Airey
 Kaysie Blazekovich
 Sheridan & Cassidy Carroll
 Shirley Covalsky
 Jerry D'aprile
 Dick & Marlisa Ebeling
 Linda Franklin
 Bob & Nancy Gillum
 Cathy & Madeline Greene
 Debbie Hegg
 Kathy & Jack Jenkins
 Dorothy Kelley
 Arthur Kingsley
 Bao Chau Kuchera
 Beverly Lebeau
 Michael Maga
 Elizabeth Marchiori
 George & Diane Milauskas
 Marjorie & Gerald Mueller
 Jim & Cindy Quinlivan
 Charles & Mary Russell
 Fred & Joyce Scharringhausen
 Karen Schlipf
 Lloyd & Mildred Spencer
 Lori Stasica-Haney
 Karyn & Steve Sturtevant
 Jan, Carly, Devon & Ricki Tuma
 Susan Waterfall
 Jane Wiedel
 Julie Zedonis

Suzanne Beaupre
 Burton A Brown
 Mike & Susan Ciardullo
 Nancy & Ralph Cox
 Bill & Debbie Diacek
 Nancy & Steve Einwich
 Gary & Sue Fuller
 Judy Goll
 Brad & Dee Griffin
 Kent Hildebrand
 Nancianne Jensen
 Cynthia A Kelly
 Doris Kneip
 Laura Lagger
 Charles & Jane Libberton
 Nancie Mages
 Cindy Masa
 Tracey & Wilson Mohr
 DJ & Jane Newby
 Barbara Rask
 Maureen Samstag
 Denise & Mark Schiele
 Karen Schneider
 Connie Stadelmann
 Jeff & Valerie Stay
 Mike & Mary Szczurek
 Susan Wakefield
 Pinny Wendell
 Mike & Patti Wiedel

Bruce & Linda Benstein
 Rosemary Caldwell
 Harriet & Reinhold Cohrs
 Chris & Toni Damsch
 Bob & Charlotte Drew
 Georgia & Mark Fiorito
 John Gianos
 Meg & Andrew Graham
 Marilyn Hanks
 John & Sally Janunas
 Shannon & Tony Karam
 Sandy & Dennis Kiley
 Tina Kuberski
 Roger & Vicki Lanksbury
 Kathy Lohmeyer
 Sarah & Mike Magro
 Denise Mccarthy
 Laurie Morrow
 Jerry & Jackie Parisek
 Ray & Brenda Rivera
 Jim & Monya Sauernheimer
 Jake Schindlbeck
 Peter & Delphine Sieff
 Darrel & Vivian Starr
 Joyce Steel
 Barbara Terrell
 Joyce & Joseph Waldeck
 Julie/Peter Whitmore-Wilson
 Mary & Don Zaun

Happy 14th Birthday, Jena !!

While I am running back and forth with Jesse and Jazz to obedience, agility and conformation training and shows, I have to stop and think about an old dog of mine who turns 14 on Friday. We don't spend the time together like we use to. I am always in a hurry to get somewhere with some other dog. I make sure she's feeling ok each day. That she eats and drinks, and gets to go outside often, including the middle of the night. She's been with me a very long time and we've learned so much together along the way. She deserves to stay home now and relax. She

does not hear very much anymore but that's ok, we use hand signals. Along with the many titles, came the friendships which have continued all these years. I have lots of wonderful memories of our time together. But the one special dog, who started it all, is getting old. Thank you Jena for giving me everything you had and trying so hard. Let's go lay on the bed together.



Ch. Coventree's Jenasee Cache, UD, Can. CDX, OA and NAJ

From Helen Castellano

Milk Bone Dog Biscuits

- 3/4 cup hot water
- 1/3 cup margarine
- 1/2 cup powdered milk
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 egg, beaten
- 3 cups whole wheat flour

Variation: increase margarine to 1/2 cup and add 2 teaspoons sugar.

In large bowl pour hot water over the margarine. Stir in powdered milk, salt, and egg. Add flour, 1/2 cup at a time. Knead for a few minutes to form stiff dough. Pat or roll to 1/2 inch thickness. Cut into bone shapes. Bake at 325 degrees for 50 minutes. Cool. They will dry out quite hard. Makes about 1 1/4 pounds of biscuits. Costs around 30 cents per pound.



Waggin' Tales, several members have asked if the store I work at carries dumb-bells. I told them that I would try to get a selection in for them. That way they could "size" their dog and not just order out of a catalog. I did get a range of sizes in. Would you post this in the next news letter? Let them know that Nadine did get them in and they are at: Critters Pet Shop, Valley Shopping Center, St. Charles, IL, 630-584-0200. Thanks



Fort Dodge to Comply with FDA's Request to Recall ProHeart 6 Injectable Heartworm Product from the Market Due to Serious Health Concerns

FDA Web Page: <http://www.fda.gov>

September 3, 2004

Fort Dodge Animal Health, of Overland Park, Kansas, at FDA's request, has agreed to immediately cease production and recall its heartworm medication ProHeart®6 from the market until the FDA's concerns about adverse reaction reports associated with the product can be resolved. FDA is requesting that the firm continue to conduct research to determine the cause of related adverse reactions and develop a strategy to help prevent such problems in the future before the product is marketed again. The FDA will convene an independent scientific advisory committee to thoroughly evaluate all available data. ProHeart®6 is an approved injectable sustained-release heartworm prevention product for dogs. Heartworm disease is a serious and potentially fatal condition of dogs, cats, and other species of mammals. The parasite that causes heartworm disease is transmitted through the bite of a mosquito. FDA is also advising veterinarians to avoid administering this product to dogs until further notice. Pet owners should consult their veterinarians regarding their pet's health care needs. Since the product was approved in June 2001, Fort Dodge Animal Health has cooperated with FDA to investigate numerous adverse event reports. As a result, Fort Dodge has voluntarily changed the label to include post approval safety information including rare reports of death and a caution to practitioners that dogs should have a negative test for heartworm before administration. Despite these label changes, FDA is still receiving unexplained adverse event reports, some of them severe. FDA's concern is based on voluntary self-reporting to FDA by veterinarians and owners whose dogs have suffered adverse drug experiences (ADEs) to ProHeart®6 (which contains the drug moxidectin) as well as the mandatory reporting of adverse events by Fort Dodge Animal Health. Fort Dodge Animal Health has agreed to recall any product that has already been distributed to veterinarians. As of August 4, 2004, FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM) had received 5,552 adverse event reports for ProHeart®6. The actual number of adverse events is likely even higher because studies show that only a fraction of actual ADEs are reported. The Agency has observed an increase in the number of cases associated with liver and bleeding abnormalities followed in some cases by death.

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contract for the November Obedience Trial and forwarded a copy to Taffy to review and sign.

Vera Nyberg asked about a donation for the Midwest K-9 Emergency Response Team, as a thank-you for the scheduled program at the September 1st Membership Meeting. Vera made a motion to donate \$50.00 to the Midwest K-9 Emergency Response Team, Peggy Sue Seehafer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all. The check and a thank-you note will be presented to them at the September meeting.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) reported that she has updated the membership database with all renewal applications. Although she does not have an exact count, she stated that she prints approximately 120 mailing labels for the Waggin' Tales and the Waggin' Tales is sent via email to

approximately 75 members. She said that last year, we had approximately 265 club members at this time.

Sue also presented a list of the non-renewals to Cindy Pakenas. A list will also be published in the August Waggin' Tales, with the reminder that "this would be your final Waggin' Tales unless your renewal application is sent to Sue."

Barb Misch (Public Education Coordinator) reported that the WOOF-line is updated. Barb described the activities that she has planned for the Responsible Dog Ownership week. The following programs will be presented at the Batavia Public Library on Sunday, September 12th.

At 2:00 p.m., the Dog Safety program with Priscilla Pisarski with Abby.

At 2:30 p.m., an obedience demonstration with Cindee and

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KONG STUFFING TECHNIQUES

I received a flyer from Barb Misch a few months ago regarding Kongs and different recipes that you can use for stuffing. If you find your dog needs some stimulation or hates being alone without you for a long period of time, then try a Kong. REMEMBER - Always clean the Kong after use. Your Kong is also Dishwasher safe

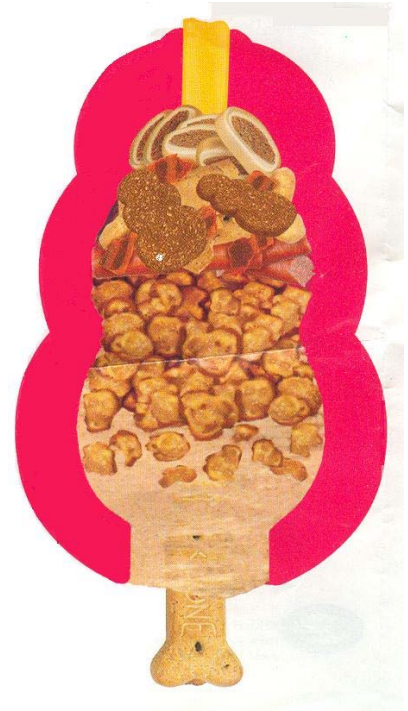
Step One - Start with a clean, appropriate size Kong Toy.

Set Two - (TANTALIZER) Place freeze dried liver, peanut butter, cheese or other tantalizing item into the little hole on top.

Step Three - (DESSERT) Fill approximately one-third of the cavity with doggie treats such as biscuits, marrow bites, etc.

Step Four - (MAIN COURSE) Fill the last two-thirds with canned food or food roll mixed with food nuggets.

Step Five - (APPETIZER) Leave a nice tidbit sticking out of the opening. The "easy pickins" will provide an immediate pay off and entice your dog to "get serious" about the job.



It is important for dogs to succeed at their work. Make it easy to remove the Kong stuffing at first. As they become more experienced, you may want to make their job more challenging - here's how:

1. Pack stuffing tighter
2. Wedge biscuits inside the cavity using the inside rim of the opening to secure them.
3. FREEZE IT! Very Popular! Try various combinations of canned food, gravy, noodles, rice and mashed potatoes mixed with food nuggets and freeze. KONGSICLES are a favorite with many hot dogs! Put a dab of peanut butter in the small end of the Kong to plug it. Turn it upside down in a cup. Fill it full of water, chicken broth or fruit juice and freeze. Cool doggies! Kongsicles are recommended for outdoor use.
4. CHEESE IT! Mix cheese pieces or cheese spread with food nuggets and microwave until cheese melts. Let it cool to a safe temperature. NOTE - Use a cup to contain the Kong when freezing or microwaving.

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Edward Ehrhart with Payton and Millie.

At 3:00 p.m., a presentation by Sue MacPherson on items to have in a canine first aid kit.

Barb stated that she would like to have copies of the downloadable AKC dog safety booklet available and other items for those attending the presentations to take home with them. Barb stated that according to several quotes for copies for the handouts, she would be able to print 100 copies of the AKC dog safety booklet for \$153.00 and a two-sided tri-fold brochure for \$150.00. The brochures would be sent to the list of veterinary's offices that Jean Airey

had assembled as the former Publicity Chairperson. Carolyn stated that she would forward that list to Barb. Will Short made a motion to spend the money for these copies, Barb seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all.

She is working with Cindy Pakenas on suggested information to include in the handouts that include topics such "So you want to get a dog." She stated that she is also making signs for vet offices and local grooming shops to announce these activities. Additionally, she has an FVDTC Open House scheduled for Thursday, September 23rd at the Kane County Fairgrounds. She is currently seeking club members who would like to be a part of the "welcome wagon." Following Barb's question about also extending an invitation to come as

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ILLINOIS: Dog disease puts a halt to adoptions Chicago shelter quarantines strays

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Faced with an outbreak of canine distemper, Chicago Animal Care and Control has begun quarantining strays and has adopted a 30-day moratorium on providing dogs to would-be pet owners, officials said Friday. The department's shelter has seen 76 cases of the disease since April, an enormous spike from last year when there were no distemper cases, said spokeswoman Melanie Sobel. The moratorium began Thursday. The department has formed a task force, including veterinarians and experts from Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood and Brookfield Zoo, in an attempt to understand the outbreak of a disease that kills about 50 percent of the dogs it infects.

"We're trying to figure out where this is coming from and how we're going to handle it," Sobel said. "But for the moment, we cannot adopt out animals that could potentially be carriers of this virus."

Canine distemper is an airborne virus that can be spread by pet dogs and wildlife such as raccoons, ferrets, coyotes and other carnivores, and there is no cure, officials said. Animals that survive often suffer permanent brain damage and injuries. Younger dogs and puppies are the most susceptible to infection, according to the American Veterinary Medical Association. Among puppies, the death rate from distemper often reaches 80 percent, the association's Web site states. Animal Care and Control's shelter, 2741 S. Western Ave., receives 26,000 animals a year--14,000 of them dogs--and is required by law to accept all dogs that are brought in, Sobel said. This makes it difficult to quarantine canines for a disease that has a two-to-three week incubation period. Strays, which have the greatest risk of contracting distemper, will be quarantined at the shelter, and an auditorium will be adapted to hold some of them, said Nikki Proutsos, the department's executive director.

But when owners show up to dump an apparently healthy dog, the shelter will ask them to take it to another shelter. If they refuse, the dog will be placed in a 30-foot van and driven to a cooperating shelter or foster home. But it won't be allowed in the center, where it might be exposed to the disease. Otherwise, the shelter would be overwhelmed.

"If we're not going to adopt out for the next month, we want to have an opportunity for these animals to be placed," Proutsos said.

The moratorium on adoptions will lead to more euthanizations, though the number will depend on how many dogs are brought in and how many are placed elsewhere, Sobel said. Symptoms of distemper include a liquid discharge from the eyes, fever, coughing, lethargy, reduced appetite, vomiting and diarrhea. In later stages, it can cause seizures or paralysis and eventually death.

Animals that show signs of distemper will be euthanized, Proutsos said.

The scope of distemper outbreaks can be large, said John Lednicky, an assistant professor of pathology at Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine. In a statement released by Animal Care and Control, Lednicky said 10,000 Caspian seals died of the disease in 2000. "Since there is no cure for distemper, veterinarians can only alleviate a sick animal's suffering," he said.

The shelter will continue to adopt out cats and rabbits, which are not susceptible to canine distemper.

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quest trainers, it was the consensus that it would add to the already chaotic training situation and probably not be in the best interest of the club.

Barb also stated that the next CGC test is scheduled for Thursday, September 16th. Kathy Hubbard volunteered to be the evaluator for the 6:00 p.m. test and Suzan Scott volunteered to be the evaluator for the 8:00 p.m. test. However, as of this time, no one has signed up to participate at either time slot.

Helen Castellano (Agility Trial Chairperson) asked the Board to consider leasing electronic timers for the Agility trial. She stated that according to Agility Ability, the lease includes the timer and a person who knows how to use them. Helen said that using the timers can speed up the trial and is more accurate than using stopwatches. Agility Ability's lease is \$300.00 for the weekend plus one free entry per day for our trial. FVDTC club members, Becky Cembrowicz and Maxine Brinker would be the Agility Ability representatives setting up and operating the equipment; therefore they would not get FVDTC work credits.

During the discussion, a concern was raised about the possibility of an equipment malfunction. If the equipment fails, would we still be required to pay the entire amount, if the equipment is unusable for the entire day? Another concern dealt with the requirement of one free entry per day. It was felt that this contract requirement is a violation of AKC rules for event entries.

Will Short made a motion to spend a maximum of \$360.00 to lease the electronic timers. Vera Nyberg seconded the motion. During another brief discussion, Helen clarified that she would negotiate with Agility Ability to address our concerns. The motion was approved by all.

Old Business

Land Purchase Status - Carolyn reported that she is awaiting a new contract from Dennis Halfpenny to be signed and resent to the sellers. The new contract is necessary to modify all of the dates.

Grievance Process Discussion - Dave Lewis stated that he inadvertently left all the paperwork at home. However Will stated that since he had been waiting many months, he still wished to address the Board. The discussion continued with Will's comments. Following his statements, it was decided due to the late hour, the discussion would be continued at a special Board meeting. He also assigned the following "homework" to each board member for that

meeting.

- Put together a list of items that can be grieved.

List some items that the committee can do to eliminate the vague committee guidelines.

Dave asked that each Board Member send him a list of all their open nights from now until October 31st, for the next special meeting.

New Business

President's Dinner - Dave asked that each Board Member send him a list of all their open nights from now until October 31st, to attend a President's dinner.

Policy for Awards and Co-Owned Dogs. Several members have dogs that they co-own as well as co-show. In the past, this has presented a problem for the award's committee. The problem involves who has to meet the Work and Meeting Credits. Do we allow both club members to combine their credits? For example, John and Jane Doe own Fido, who got a CD. Do John and Jane each only have to earn 4 and 3 (respectively) work credits and attend 2 and 1 meeting? OR, perhaps we define the policy to say that because Joan handled Fido when the CD was earned, she has to do all 10 work credits.

Peggy Sue Seehafer made a motion that the club member who has the work credits, but not combined with the co-owner, applies for the award. Will Short seconded the motion. The motion was approved by 7, opposed by 1 with no abstentions.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 p.m.



This page is yours to keep, and to help you prepare for the test!

AKC Canine Good Citizen Test Items:

1. Accepting a friendly stranger: Evaluator greets Handler.
2. Sitting politely for petting: Evaluator pets dog, dog must show no signs of shyness or resentment.
3. Appearance & grooming: Evaluator inspects dog, combs or brushes lightly, examines ears and each front foot.
4. Out for a walk: Handler takes dog for a short walk including right turn, left turn, about turn and stop.
5. Walking through a crowd: dog and Handler walk close to several people; dog may show casual interest but not jump up.
6. Sit & down on command/Staying in place: Handler shows dog can do a sit and a down, then chooses either position, leaves dog and goes to the end of a 20 ft. line and returns immediately.
7. Coming when called: with dog still on 20 ft. line, handler walks out 10 ft. and calls the dog.
8. Reaction to another dog: two handlers and dogs approach, shake hands, exchange pleasantries, move on; dogs can show casual interest to either the Handler or the other dog.
9. Reaction to distractions: distractions are presented; dog may not panic or show aggression.
10. Supervised Separation: Handler goes out of sight for 3 minutes. Dog is held on 6ft. lead by Evaluator's assistant. The dog may not display any signs of stress.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

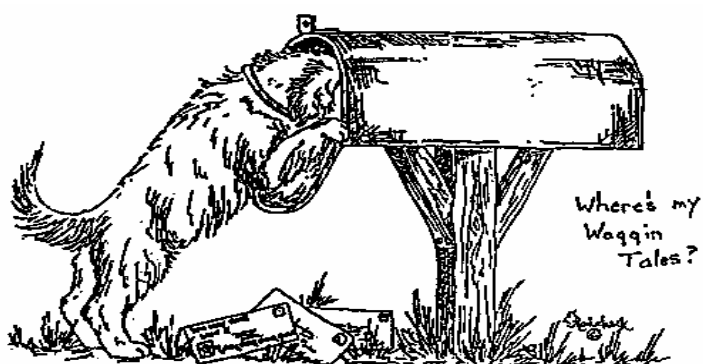
1. Treats and toys are not allowed, but verbal praise and petting is encouraged.
2. Acceptable Collars for the test: leather buckle, nylon buckle, slip chain, or martingale **(pinch/prong, head halters and Gentle Leader are unacceptable)**
3. Acceptable Leads: leather or nylon, up to 6 feet **(flexi, chain and any line longer than 6 feet is not allowed).**
4. You may wish to bring your dog's own brush to the evaluation. You are also allowed to lift your dog's paws for the evaluator in item 3.
5. Exercise your dog just prior to the test and between exercises if necessary. A dog that eliminates during the test is dismissed.
6. As the handler, you can really only test one dog at a time. If you want to test more than one dog, please sign up for more than one testing time.

No dog ever "fails" this test, however some items may require further training. A dog that shows signs of aggression may be dismissed at the Evaluator's discretion.

For further information about the Canine Good Citizen Test, visit www.AKC.org.

Please show up 10-15 minutes prior to your testing time, as the test will begin promptly. You must be ready to go at your indicated time! If for some reason you find you are unable to attend your confirmed test time, please contact Barb Misch at 630-761-0823 as early as possible. It is very likely that others would like to take your place.

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September 2004

1 Wednesday	Membership Meeting
2 Thursday	Regular Training
5 Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
9 Thursday	Regular Training
10 Friday	Agility Trial Setup
11 Saturday	Agility Trial
12 Sunday	Agility Trial
16 Thursday	Correction Clinic
18 Saturday	Tracking Test Setup
19 Sunday	Tracking Test
23 Thursday	Regular Training
30 Thursday	Regular Training

October 2004

6 Wednesday	Membership Meeting
7 Thursday	Regular Training
10 Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
12 Tuesday	Regular Training End Session 4
21 Thursday	Correction Clinic
28 Thursday	Regular Training Begin Session 5